RECEIVED: 6502842180 From: Sanjay Bagade CENTRAL FAX CENTER

AUG 1 5 2005

Attorney Docket No.: PORTNZ00401

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450" [37 CFR 1.8[a]] on the date shown below.

Date: August 15, 2005

Signature:

(Laura-Shires)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.:

10/706,151

Confirmation No.:

7582

Filing Date:

November 12, 2003

Inventor(s):

Michael R. ROTHROCK

Title:

TECHNIQUES FOR SEARCHING FOR BEST MATCHES IN

TABLES OF INFORMATION

Examiner:

H. Thai

Group Art Unit:

2161

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patent P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated May 13, 2005 for which a response was due on August 15, 2005 (August 13, 2005 fell on a Saturday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.